the Commission to review certain standards and matters and report its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; specifying intents and findings of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; repealing certain provisions relating to a requirement that an electric company continue to purchase certain electricity under certain contacts and to provide a certain percentage of renewable energy sources; repealing an obsolete reporting requirement; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of renewable energy portfolio standards, a renewable electricity credit trading system; and the Maryland Renewable Energy Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Public Utility Companies

Section 1-101(a) and (j)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Public Utility Companies

Section 7-516

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Utility Companies

Section 7-701 through 7-713 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 7. Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## **Article - Public Utility Companies**

1-101.

- (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (j) (1) "Electricity supplier" means a person:
  - (i) who sells:
    - 1. electricity;
    - 2. electricity supply services;
    - 3. competitive billing services; or
    - 4. competitive metering services; or